

Minutes
Community Development Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
City 3, 801 Texas, El Paso, Texas, 79901
Thorman Conference Room - Basement

Members Present

Jonathan Macias
Steve Nordberg
Thurman Reynolds
Annette Stone
Carol Trujillo

Members Absent

Ismael Olivas
Sudy Todd

Late Arrivals

Deborah Torres (5:42 p.m.)
Alice Rosas (5:54 p.m.)

Early Departures

None

Staff Present

Verónica Soto, Director
Rudy Reyes, Interim Deputy Director
Art Rubio, Housing Program Manager
Raquel Garcia, Interim Senior Grant Planner
Connie Jimenez, Grant Planner
Roxanne Varela, Grant Planner

A G E N D A

Discussion and Action on:

1. Call to Order – Deborah Torres, Chairperson
2. Discussion and Action on Steering Committee Absences – Debbie Torres, Chairperson
3. Approval of Steering Committee Minutes of March 7, 2017 – Debbie Torres, Chairperson
4. Discussion and Action on the Following Proposed Administration and Planning Budgets for 2017-2018:
 - A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
 - B. City Attorney
 - C. Housing Rehabilitation Administrative and Project Costs Funded with CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Income
 - D. HOME Program
 - E. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program
 - F. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program
 - G. Continuum Planning and Assistance – El Paso Coalition for the Homeless
5. Discussion and Action on the Budget Recommendation for the 43rd Year (2017-2018) Community Development Block Grant Program
6. Adjournment

Item 1: Call to order

Jonathan Macias, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Item 2: Steering Committee Absences – Deborah Torres, Chairperson

A motion was made by Annette Stone, seconded by Steve Nordberg and unanimously passed to excuse Ismael Olivas and Sudy Todd.

AYES: Mr. Macias, Mr. Nordberg, Mr. Reynolds, Ms. Rosas, Ms. Stone and Ms. Trujillo

NAYS: None

Absence: Mr. Olivas and Ms. Todd

Item 3: Approval of Steering Committee Minutes of March 7, 2017 – Jonathan Macias, Vice-Chair

A motion was made by Steve Nordberg, seconded by Carol Trujillo and unanimously passed to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: Mr. Nordberg, Mr. Reynolds, Ms. Stone and Ms. Trujillo

NAYS: None

Absence: Mr. Olivas, Ms. Rosas, Ms. Todd and Ms. Torres

Item 4: Discussion and Action on the Following Proposed Administration and Planning Budgets for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Jonathan Macias, seconded by Steve Nordberg and unanimously passed to recommend the administrative budgets as presented.

AYES: Mr. Macias, Mr. Nordberg, Mr. Reynolds, Ms. Rosas, Ms. Stone and Ms. Trujillo

NAYS: None

Absence: Mr. Olivas and Ms. Todd

Item 5: Discussion and Action on the Budget Recommendation for the 43rd Year (2017-2018) Community Development Block Grant Program

A motion was made by Jonathan Macias, seconded by Alice Rosas and unanimously passed to recommend the budget as follows:

In District 1:

Fully fund Rebuilding Together at \$67,500; fully fund Borderland Park Improvements at \$344,542; fully fund Thorn Park Improvements at \$792,820; fully fund Wheelchair Ramps at Ridge and Hilary at \$49,896 and fully fund Sidewalk Gaps at Bauxite and Chromite for **\$160,977**. The scope of Tom Lea Lower Park should be reduced to allow funding of **\$366,765**. (Note: an error made in the spreadsheet changed the cost of Sidewalk Gaps at Bauxite and Chromite to \$30,500. The difference was applied to Tom Lea Lower Park Improvements for a total of \$497,242.)

In District 8:

Fully fund Rebuilding Together for \$67,500; fully fund Sidewalk Gaps at Tobin Place at \$98,938; and fully fund Wheelchair Ramps in the Fonseca and Delta Area at \$164,955. The scope of Chamizal Park Improvements should be reduced to allow funding at \$1,383,607.

All other funding will remain at the recommended levels.

AYES: Mr. Macias, Mr. Nordberg, Mr. Reynolds, Ms. Rosas, Ms. Stone and Ms. Trujillo

NAYS: None

Absence: Mr. Olivas and Ms. Todd

Item 6: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.